



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kevin R. THOMAS et al.

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Examiner: Daniel St Cyr

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF  
SETTING AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A  
FOOD PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE  
USING A TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION  
DEVICE

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-4040

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56,  
enclosed are copies of six (6) references for the Examiner's review and consideration.

It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in  
this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the enclosed Form PTO-  
1449.

No fee or certification is believed to be due. Should any fees be  
required, however, please charge such fees to **Winston & Strawn LLP** Deposit  
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Respectfully submitted,

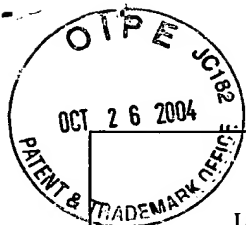
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>								
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	A5	EP 0 451 980	10/1991	Europe			X	
	A6	WO 02/28241	4/2002	PCT			X	
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